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A woman reader in Henrico county

rather difficult questions: 1. Do you think it is right or just

taxed?

2. Don't you think that the State and county ought to be glad that they can take care of themselves, and would rather help them to do it by exempting them from taxation than let them be a burden on friends or the county?

The State and county make provision

EXPENSES OF THE PRIMARY.

The human temptation to answer yes strong. Old women who are very poor and have no men to look after them ought to be dealt with very gently by

fundamental weakness of the body of rules which we call "the law" is that it must always deal with classes of people and things. It cannot deal with individual cases; individual cases obliged to be. On one side we have not be somewed into any class and so individual cases which come fairly not intended or desirable.

So when you come to exemptions you have to exempt a whole class. the interest of the State. The Virginia law already exempts all old maid, with a small exempt income, should be freed from all taxes on her the woman who writes to us we are confident that the law would gladly criminate among individuals, which it can't, Genuine need and a sense of ter. But when it comes to exempting every case which would fall into the class with this one, the matter becomes different. Many old maids live with their brothers or other wage-earning relatives; many widows are supported classes are quite able to pay taxes on Thus an exemption law, while fairly relieving many who deserve relief, would offer lcopholes through which comparatively well-to-do persons would evade their just part in the

But we do think that Virginia could afford to be generous in this matter. a widow's cr spinster's property, promore than \$1,000. Nevada, Idaho and Arizona have similar provisions as to widows, on a more liberal scale. Persons who, in the opinion of the assessor, are unable, through poverty, to contribute are exempt in Michigan, Oregon and Rhode Island. We think that a partial exemption of spinsters' and widows' property, if the property is small, and complete exemption if it is very small, would be entirely right and proper, provided that some discretion were given to the assessor to say whether or not taxes could be nald these general terms we should be very glad to see included in our new tax

THE NEW ST. HELENA.

Absorbing the immigrant has been What can be done with the millions of allens who annually pour into the country? How can they ba from crowding the cities and packing the tenements? By what means can they be transformed into a ty of troubles, but on the whole manreal national asset? Editors, social aged to dodge its omens. It was noted workers and clergymen have written as the finest gem in the crown jewels reams on these subjects, and have of Louis XVI, and Louis XVI. threshed over the chaff indefinitely.

The answer offered has always been ing instrument. The royal treasurethe same. Send the newcomers to the box was rifled in the hurly-burly of country. Thousands of rich acres are that period, and the diamond dropped lying idle; labor is scarce in the out of view. It reappeared thirty country; neglected lands only awalt years later, when a London merchant the plow to blossom. Located in the sold it to Henry Thomas Hope. In country, we are told, these men will the Hope family, so it was said, it acbecome true Americans, and will add quired and maintained an evil retheir part to the wealth and resources putation as a bringer of bad luck. of the nation.

new St. Helena, this obvious answer as Lady Hope, wore this splendid has not been tried by real experience. Stone during a seven-year halt in her Not until an enterprising land company bought 100,000 acres of Carolina an international scandal and oblivion. The headline. Wait till we get that mileswamb lands and induced 300 Italians. May Yohe's life could hardly be dehas not been tried by real experience. stone during a seven-year halt in her swamp lands and induced 300 Italians May Yohe's life could hardly be deto settle upon them has a real effort scribed as a happy-starred one. Nor grow literary,

no one can doubt who will read Felice went through bankruptcy, and the like,

Ferrero's story of the settlement in jewel, after lingering awhile with Though they bought their little farms Abdul Hamid in 1908. We all know at \$10 an acre, and shared the profits what happened to Abdul very shortly of their crops with the landowners afterwards. Meantime, however, until the principal was paid, the court attendant tried to steal the Italian farmers have been well cared gem, was caught and was hanged. for, and have in many cases fully After the Sultan's fall, the hoodoo paid for their property. By co-opera-tive buying and the establishment of Sellm Habib, and now Sellm lies

Entered January 27, 1903, at Richmond, Va., company, the Italians have been taught

that old maids and widows who own a home, but only have an income to give them a bare living, should be

The state and county make the sun except for everything under the sun except the class above alluded to.

3. Do you not think that the Legislature ought to pass a law exempting this class from taxation when they reach old age?

EXPENSES OF THE PRIMARY.

The Times-Dispatch stated the other day, as a supposedly piain fact, that upon the proposal that the State should bear the expenses of conducting legalized primary elections "all friends of at once to this last question is very the system are agreed." It turns out But exemptions are dangerous things a primary law started out with exand very hard to manage fairly. The actly-the News Leader's theory. Even must be squeezed somehow into a class before they can meet the law. Thus injustices, one way or the other, are escape the law entirely. On the other best safeguarded, conduct primary individual cases which come fairly few cases a small fee, ranging from under the terms of the law, but upon \$10 to \$50, is asked of the candidate

incomes under \$1,000. The question as an enlightened substitute for a conby their sons, and a good many of both other States does not seem to justify makes to the State cannot be very while incidentally reflecting a much

without hardship. A provision on of the sea near Singapore. Near it one of the most complex of American ing ill-luck and death in its train, but

But until the establishment of the versions vary. But later on May Yohe, for

recent number of The Survey, the dealers, passed into the hands of

A woman reader in Henrico stand acres may be made as profitable as stances were. Mutterings and signs of storm rose instantly, as they always

to settle upon them has a real effort scribed as a happy-starred one. Nor been made to test the proffered remedy.

That the experiment has succeeded marital distresses on the diamond. He worth what a congressional cigar is

Borrowed Jingles

SONG OF AN OLD BACHELOR. Oh, tender levely woman is,
A thing of down and satin;
Some spot of deathless roses she
Should make her habitat in.
How carefully she wraps her up
Whon winter swirls and rankles;
A sealistin sack upon her back
And gauze upon her ankles.

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